



Theresa Rosalie Lombardo Vetere

April 6, 1931 - July 16, 2025

UTICA - Our mom returned to God and her family on the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, July 16, 2025. She passed in the comfort of her family home of over 70 years, surrounded by her children and grandchildren. Mom was a lifelong member of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church. We are comforted by the fact that our Blessed Lady accompanied her on her journey to heaven.

Theresa was born in Utica on April 6, 1931, the daughter of John and Rose Andriano Lombardo, and the youngest sister to Carmen and Vincent Lombardo, who predeceased her. Her entire life was impacted by the loss of Vincent when he was just a senior in high school. Theresa's values and devotion to her family were born from this great tragedy. She was a simple yet strong woman, who often shared about the days of her youth "picking beans." She frequently exhibited her streak of stubbornness, which she gifted to her children.

Theresa graduated from T. R. Proctor High School in 1950. Shortly thereafter, she married Leonard A. Vetere on April 11, 1953. They shared 67 years of marriage and together raised their five children while lovingly caring for her parents and oldest brother, Carmen until their passings.

Theresa was part of a "sisterhood" of high school friends who became her second family for their entire lives - Connie Mott, Bernice Caruso, Mary

Gentile, Armen Bogosian, and Esther Cacozza. Connie and Bernice are left to carry on their sisterly bond.

Mom's proudest vocations in life were being a caring daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She nurtured her children- always worrying about them well into their adult lives and until the day of her passing. Her favorite place in her home was standing at the kitchen sink, washing the dishes with her yellow Playtex gloves, before putting them in the dishwasher for cleaning. Her children were the envy of others- having the whitest socks in school and the neighborhood because she insisted on washing them twice with repeated cycles. She cherished her "alone time" after she put her children to bed, when she could often be found on the couch until the wee hours of the morning. She was a "night owl" until her last days.

Mom loved watching classic movies, especially those starring Shirley Temple. Mom honored her mother's traditions of Sunday family dinners. Her sauce and meatballs were a special treat for us all.

Her children and grandchildren will miss her forever. We took care of her, each to the best of our ability, and each in our own way. Surviving Theresa are her children and their families: Dominick "Dick" Vetere, John (JoAnn) Vetere, Theresa Ann Vetere, Rosemary (Patrick, Sr.) Morrissey, and Christine Vetere. Her grandchildren were her world: John Vetere, Jr., Joseph Vetere, Patrick (Dielle) Morrissey, Jr., Jenae (Brittany) Morrissey, Danielle (Natalia) Morrissey, Maria (Anthony) Morrissey and Michael (Vivienne) Morrissey. Her great grandchildren were her most cherished blessings in life. Patrick Morrissey, III and Kelsey Morrissey showered their "Big Little Noni" with hugs and kisses every time they saw her. Her grand dogs, Chief Boy, Rosie Girl, and Gem-Diamond protected her from all of us. Theresa is also survived by her niece and nephew, Philomena (Frank) Marrotta, and Vincent (Colleen) Vetere; special cousins, JoAnn (Mike) Jones, and Grace (late Charlie) Smith; her

good friend, Marie Ambruso; and godson, Sammy Mott. In addition to her husband, Leonard (2020), Theresa was also predeceased by her mother and father-in-law, Dominick and Philomena Vetere; brother-in-law, Vincent Vetere; sister-in-law, Carmella Vetere; and her treasured godchild, Josephine Ginnity.

A special thank you to Dr. Uri Goldberg, Nurses Kayla and Marnie and the staff of Rome Health, Aunt Lorrie Lenaghen, the staffs of The Eastern Star Home and Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. We are also grateful to our family friend, Virna Thibault, who helped mom during her illness with appointments and companionship.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Theresa's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, 648 Jay St. The family will greet guests prior to the Mass from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in church. For those unable to attend, the service will be live streamed at <https://youtube.com/live/EcUTRJ-4e6U?feature=share>. In appreciation for the care she received during her last days, her family will be grateful for donations to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. online at www.hospicecareinc.org/donate or The Abraham House online at www.theabrahamhouse.org/donate; envelopes will also be available at the Mass.

This obituary was affectionately written by Theresa's family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Previous Events

Reception Line

JUL 30. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

PR

“ My condolences Dick, the entire Vetere family, and her friends.
Praying for you.

Pete Reynolds - August 01, 2025 at 04:33 PM

DT

“ John very sorry to hear about your Mother she will be truly missed
may she RIP.

David Taurisano - August 01, 2025 at 02:00 PM

JP

“ To the Vetere family so sorry for your loss.
Joseph Plado

Joseph Plado - July 30, 2025 at 10:08 AM

TF

“ Christine and family, we thank God for your beautiful Mother and the
many blessings bestowed upon her. You are in our prayers. May
God comfort and strengthen you.
Susan, “Doc”, and Chris Woods

The Woods Family - July 30, 2025 at 12:48 AM

CS

“ Rosemary and Family
So sorry to hear about your Mom. May all your wonderful memories
help guide you thru this most difficult time.
Carol Scampone

CAROL SCAMPONE - July 28, 2025 at 07:08 PM

SO

“ Shawn and Cathie Owens purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Theresa Rosalie Lombardo Vetere.



Shawn and Cathie Owens - July 28, 2025 at 12:35 PM

DD

“ Rosemary, Pat and Family, My deepest sympathy to you all.

Donna Magaro Dye - July 27, 2025 at 08:11 AM

AD

“ John and all the Vetere Family So sorry to hear of your moms passing, you are all in are in are thoughts and prayers

Anthony & Elizabeth DeCarolis - July 26, 2025 at 09:39 PM

DK

“ Dear Dick and Family,
We are so very sorry for the loss of your Mom.
She was a wonderful woman. We offer all of you our prayers,
condolences and sympathy.
May Her Memory Be Eternal !!!
Deacon Dan and Cindy Klockowski
and Family

Deacon Daniel A Klockowski - July 26, 2025 at 12:40 PM

JD

“ John -We are so very sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. May she rest in peace. Our Thoughts and prayers for all the family.
Cosmo & Jacki DeLuca

Jacquelyn DeLuca - July 26, 2025 at 10:21 AM

FS

“ I’m so very sorry 🙏❤️🙏

filomena salsbury - July 26, 2025 at 08:28 AM

JG

“ *Theresa and family,
So sorry for your loss ...my thoughts and prayers are with you at
this difficult time..*

Janice Greer - July 25, 2025 at 09:20 PM

DD

“ *Rosemary, Pat and family, Our deepest sympathies. Tom and Dona
Dawes*

Dona Dawes - July 25, 2025 at 08:19 PM

BO

“ *My condolences to the entire family. I'll keep your mother and all of
you in my prayers. Our eternal Mother Mary will be watching over
you. May she RIP*

Bob Ollerenshaw - July 25, 2025 at 04:17 PM

CG

“ *Rosemary and family so sorry to hear about the passing of your
mom. Never met her but I'm sure she was a lovely person. Now I
know who take after.*

Cindy and Joe gentile

cindy gentile - July 25, 2025 at 02:37 PM